

REMARKS

In the specification, two changes are noted. First, certain paragraphs have been amended. Second, paragraphs originally presented in the application within the claims are now presented within the description. Both changes facilitate a reader's understanding of the inventor's claimed invention and the corresponding exemplary embodiments presented herein.

Claims 1-6, 9-10, 19-20, 31, 33, 65-66, 86, 91, 109-114, 117-118, 121, 127, 128, 138-139, 141, 156, 201-202, 206, 218-219, 221, 229, 233, and 244 remain in the prosecution, of which, claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9-10, 19-20, 31, 65, 86, 91, 109, 111, 113-114, 117-118, 121, 127-128, 138-139, 141, 156, 201-202, 206, 218-219, 221, 229, 233, and 244 have been amended. Claims 549-576 are new. Applicant hereby cancels claims 7-8, 11-18, 21-30, 32, 34-64, 67-85, 87-90, 92-108, 115-116, 119-120, 122-126, 129-137, 140, 142-155, 157-200, 203-205, 207-217, 220, 222-228, 230-232, 234-243, and 245-548.

Please note that (New) claims 549 and 551-556 depend from (Original) and (Currently Amended) claims that appear substantially earlier in the Preliminary Amendment, however, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.126, these new dependent claims follow the highest numbered claim previously presented during the prosecution. As a result, Applicant apologizes if extra page shuffling is required to read such claims in context.

Although cancellations and amendments have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby. Rather the cancellations and amendments are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to presentation or assertion in the future of claims on the subject matter affected thereby. Applicant reserves the right to

pursue the original claims and/or similar claims in subsequent amendments, continuations or other descendents of the present application.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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